In case the charges of the complaints are substantiated, the State Government take suitable action under the law. Figures regarding number of corrupt officials booked for action are not maintained by the Government of India.

BIS Hallmark Scheme on Ornaments/Jewellery

5302. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a survey conducted by BIS it has been found that most of the jewellers in the country are cheating the consumers in sale of ornaments etc.;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to compulsorily enforce BIS Hallmark Scheme on ornaments/jewellery sold by jewellers in the country; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) recently conducted a survey in some of the major cities of the country. Out of 120 samples of jewellery tested, only 14 samples were found to be of the claimed purity.

(b) and (c) There is no such proposal under consideration, as at present conditions are not appropriate.

Unutilized Foodgrains of FCI Godowns

5303. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that substantial quantity of foodgrains remain unutilized in the FCI godowns; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider revision of issue price of foodgrains to increase offtake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.